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Gustrow

1. G^ustrow (T-98) garrisoned by a Battalion of MVD frontier troops numbering from 700 to 800. The unit is quartered in the former motorized police barracks in the Schwanner-Landstrasse. [redacted]
2. On the airfield at G^ustrow-Beckhorst is a motor transport workshop with a staff of fifty persons.
3. The total strength of the Soviet garrison of G^ustrow is between one and two thousand. This does not include the three hundred infantry men who arrived at the nearby point of Ahrenshoop during the night of 28-29 July 1947. These troops set up twelve light infantry guns on the Darsé and built minor field-works. They appeared to be taking part in maneuvers.
4. All barracks in G^ustrow, apart from the one occupied by the MVD unit, are being dismantled. All water, heating, and electrical equipment is being packed up and sent to the USSR. All gasoline stocks have been requisitioned by the Russians in Kreis G^ustrow and Kreis Rostock.
5. The district komendatura at G^ustrow is said to have been in the process of dissolution since 12 August. When this process has been completed, the City and Kreis Komendatura will come directly under the SMA at Schwerin.
6. The morale of the Soviet troops in G^ustrow is said to be poor. The reasons given for this are as follows: news of the wretched conditions at home [redacted] poor rations, preferential treatment given to officers, lack of personal freedom and lack of recreational facilities. All the Russians in G^ustrow are to be concentrated in the Schweriner Siedlungsviertel so that they no longer come into direct contact with German families. Notice to quit this section of the city was received by seven hundred German families late in July 1947.
7. The following is a list of some of the command personnel in G^ustrow:

8. District Komendatura

Col. Shesnalkov - Former CO (until July 1947)

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Col. Yuchatski - CO since July 1947. He is said to have received orders in mid-August transferring him either to JIA Schwerin or to SIA Karlshorst.

Lt. Col. Dubienov - Function unknown.

b. City and Kreis Komendatura

Col. Ossipov - Former CO (until July 1947)
Lt. Col. Svonarov - CO since 10 August 1947
Lt. Col. Timovev - Function unknown. Has been at the Komendatura since 10 August 1947
Col. Libenkov - Political officer

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Parchim

8. A Soviet division moved into the Parchim (T-74) area on 26 and 27 July 1947.

Fürstenberg

9. As of late July the Fürstenberg (U-62) area contained twelve thousand troops with an unusually high percentage of officers. An anti-tank regiment was also quartered in the town at this time. Tank units, equipped with from six to eight hundred tanks, were located in the woods between Fürstenberg and Neustrelitz. There were also armored force troops quartered in Ravensbrück at this time.

Neuruppin

10. The Soviet unit stationed on the Neuruppin (Z-49) airfield is called the "Lissing" unit. The fifteen hangars on this field are filled to capacity with T-34's and a number of much larger tanks.
11. Since the beginning of the period of occupation, the former Sixth German Panzer Regiment barracks on the Altruppin Allee have been occupied by the same Russian tank regiment. This unit issues receipts on which the heading "Ketsch" appears. The See Kaserne and the Friedrich Franz Kaserne in Neuruppin are also occupied by Soviet troops.
12. A large fuel dump has been built on the Sportplatz in the Schützenstrasse. The fuel is stored in fifty-gallon drums, and each drum is placed in a hole about three-and-one-half meters deep.

Sachsenhausen

13. An artillery regiment and a tank regiment were quartered in the Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp (Z-77) and in the surrounding woods in August 1947. An anti-tank regiment was stationed at Borgsdorf, near Sachsenhausen, in August 1947. The majority of the men were away on leave at that time, and only maintenance parties remained to guard the unit's equipment.

Jüterbog

14. Preparations were being made at the Jüterbog (U-69) maneuver area in August 1947 for the reception of an army headquarters.

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Zossen

15. The Seventh Russian Armored Division is located in the former tank school and in the Panzerlehrregiment barracks at Zossen-Munsdorf (Z-91). A headquarters of an unidentified type is situated in the Canbraistrasse.
16. The former CHH depot at Zossen-Munsdorf, together with a part of the Munsdorf training area, is fenced off with barbed wire and heavily guarded. There has been a Soviet headquarters stationed there since July 1947. 50X1-HUM
17. It is reported that Colonel General Pruhs commands the Soviet People's Defense Commissariat (Volksverteidigungs Commissariat) at Berlin-Oberschöne-weide, An der Muhlheide 188.
18. This Commissariat is said to be composed of units of infantry and motorized detachments. Their armament consists of machine pistols, small Russian anti-tank guns, and German 37.5 mm anti-tank guns.
19. The command headquarters are situated in Dettmannsdorf, Mecklenburg. The staff of Defense Office 287, commanded by Lt. Colonel Chernikov, moved on 8 August 1947 to Waren, Mecklenburg. They took twelve trucks, each with 1,200 liters of gasoline and large quantities of oil, with them, but only a small quantity of ammunition. Two single-decker buses full of infantry took part in the move.

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